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To the Voters and Taxpayers of Delaware.

The political issues involved in the present campaign are momentous and far-reaching in their influences. The struggle which is being inaugurated in this state is a part of the great movement already making its impress upon the intelligence of the masses in every State of the Union.

It is the principle of Democracy in *its purity* of self-government *re*-asserting the *rights* of *the people demanding* the *protection* of Government for the weak, as against corrupt and powerful monopolies for whose interests the laws of the country are now wielded *exclusively*. We ask you to reflect deliberately and honestly upon the present condition of monetary and business affairs. There cannot be an effect without a *cause*. All classes dependent upon labor in its various forms are suffering as they have been for years, and the end is not yet! The people are fearfully in debt, without the means of extricating themselves. The bankruptcies of the past thirteen years number 58,375 with liabilities to the amount of $1,927,448,000. The people of this country have paid in interest on our national debt from June 30th, 1861, to June 30, 1878, the enormeous sum of $1,696,854,901 for the benefit of those who pay *no* taxes, and whose wealth represents money *destroyed*, taken out of of our hands and converted *into bonds*.

Do the producing classes propose to keep in power either of the two old parties, who have permitted legislation out of which labor and production have been so unjustly defrauded? For *whose benefit* has this great sum been drawn out of the resources of the people? Do you need to wonder why business is prostrated, who manufacturers cease to pay, why your farms are mortgaged, why your debts are unpaid? Why labor is unemployed and the country filled with tramps," when you have had taken out of your hands, since 1865, very nearly $2,000,000,000,000 in currency, which gave you in 1866 $50.76 per capita, and which, through legislation in the interests of banks and money lenders has now been reduced to less than $15 per capita. Dare you think for yourselves! Will you vote in accordance with your true convictions like men? Or are you content to bear the burden of this forced indebtness, paying nearly all the taxes of the country and all the interest of our national debt for the sole advantage of those who laugh at your stupidity and folly in secret and despise you for your lack of independence and manliness.

Read the declaration of principles of the National Greenback Labor party, and see if you cannot honestly and earnestly support them. We are pledged as a party to the interests of *the people*. We are *determined* that the masses shall no longer be deceived by false issues for the benefit of cliques and rings. The truth shall be told you. Your political freedom for the future is in your own hands. Be wise in time for your own security, for our free institutions are in peril. Vote for freedom from aristocratic rule, which uses the many to strengthen and maintain personal power. Vote for the right to earn an honest and independant living. Vote to make the Diamond State free from the bondage of rings, that it may become a political power for the advancement of the material and social interests of its citizens. Vote for intelligence, which will no

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longer submit to be bound by the narrow prejudices of the past. Vote to perpetuate a government of the people which shall be a beacon light to the oppressed of all nations. We are in earnest; not for place or power, but for principles, which alone can save us. If you approve our purposes, we ask your support at the ballot box; believing the day is not far distant when Delaware will awaken from her poli ical sleep, to ally herself with tl spirit of progress and the just demanc of a long suffering people.

By order of New Castle Cou Executive Committee.

ALBERT H. WELD, Chairma

THOS. O. COOPER, Secretary.

Platform of the National Greenbac Labor Party of Delaware.

Whereas, Our Government, founded upon the principles of individual sovereignty and equal civil and political rights, means a government of the people, by the people, for the people. An embodiment in the organic law of this truth, "that Governments derive all their just powers from the consent of the governed," making it the first duty of government, which was instituted for the common good to see to it and guard faithfully the natural rights that they be not invaded by selfishness.

Whereas, By the machination of designing men, and through the intrigues of politicians the people have been deceived as to the real issues involved, and their will disregarded through fraud, bribery and corruption at the ballot box, resulting in the enactment of most unjust laws, partial in their application and effects; building up, strengthening and protecting the few at the expense of the many. Sacrificing every principle of true democracy, and ignoring the spirit and interest of American institutions.

Whereas, Labor, which creates everything, (including capital) and is the protector and preserver of all, is itself unprotected and weak, at mercy of those whom it has elevated power; feeding others, while starvin itself; clothing others in fine linen while itself stands shivering in rags asking alms at the door of those whoi it has faithfully served and made rich

Whereas, Both the Democratic an Republican parties are responsible fo these evils, by permitting and foster ing the unfair and wicked legislation out of which the terrible sufferings o the people have grown, and whereas neither party appear to comprehend the gravity of the situation, or offer any wise and effective remedy for the wrongs inflicted; keeping alive their party organizations, (while fully in sympathy with each other in the objects to be accomplished) that the people may be divided into opposing factions, for the mere purpose of a division of the "spoils of office," thereby rendering it imperatively necessar that a new party should be organ to secure justice to the people, save the nation from the destruct which threatens it. As a real rep sentative of a people's government, real democracy, recognizing the righ of man, and pledged to the protecti

improvement and highest good of all.

Therefore, The delegates to the first convention of the National Greenback Labor party for the State of Delaware, assembled Oct. 17, 1878, at City Hall, in the City of Wilmington, commend to the consideration and support of their fellow-citizens the following declaration of principles.

First—As expressed in the language of Daniel Webster, we believe "that the great interests of this country, the producing cause of all its prosperity, is labor, labor, labor! The government was made to protect industry, to give to it both encouragement and security. To this very end, with this special object in view, power was given to Congress over the currency and over the money system of the country." Therefore, as the general government has been entrusted with this constitutional prerogative as expressive of the desire and will of the people to determine what shall be the money of the nation? we demand that this power, invested in Congress by the people, shall be used for the benefit of all, and never delegated to private individuals or corporations, but hereafter be exercised soleiy by the general government, in harmony with American ideas and the spirit of her institutions, instead of conforming to the financial systems of Europe, which have built up and perpetuated for centuries the monarchies of the old world at the expense, and to the physical and mental degradation of the masses.

Second—That national paper money, greenbacks — based upon the entire wealth and integrity of the nation, will constitute the very best medium of exchange the people have ever used, already proved by experience, under the unjust restrictions placed upon it for the purpose of limiting its powers, perfectly effective in supplying every want -paying debts, and accomplishing results for the nation, which have been the wonder and admiration of mankind.

Third—We demand the immediate calling in of all United States bonds, andpayment of them, principal and interest, in National greenback paper money, made a legal tender note for all debts—an absolute money, fully protected and honored by government, thus making them as good as gold, but never to be converted into bonds of any rate or class.

Fourth—We demand the immediate repeal of the National banking act, and the retirement of its circulating medium—the general government alone to issue money for the benefit of all, and not through or for the enrichment of bankers and the select few.

Fifth—The public lands belong to all the people, and should be sacredly held in trust for homes of the worthy destitute, and as it is impossible for those who need them most to avail themselves of the privilege of securing them, we advocate government aid to destitute families desirous of settling thereon, in amount sufficient to enable them to cultivate and improve the same, secured by mortgage or property with abundant time for payment.

Sixth—We demand a system of just taxation, by which the accumulated wealth of the nation, instead of the industry of the people, shall bear the expenses of the government. No property except what belongs to the government should be exempt from bearing its equitable share of the public burdens, thus superceding our present system of placing the heaviest burdens upon those least able to endure them.

Seventh—There can be no political freedom to those economically enslaved. Hence we invite those who comprehend this fact, to unite with us at once to secure such legislation as will effectually check the already rapidly increasing and dangerous power of corporations and idle capital, which is now being used to subvert the liberties of the people.

Eighth—The Elective franchise is not only a privilege, but a right of American citizenship, and any attempt to deny its exercise on account of its poverty, making a property qualification the test of one's right to vote, or limiting its action by the "tax receipt" fraud, which may be and is used unjustly in the favor of the party in power. The ballot box should be the

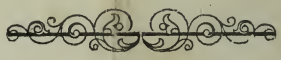
expression of a freeman's will, and every attempt to pollute or degrade it must be met with severe punishment.

Ninth—We advocate a new departure from the party tactics, viz: The office to seek the man, not man the office. Political purity can only be promoted by adopting such principle of action.

Tenth—We demand protective tariff laws for the benefit of American industries, that free labor may not be degraded by forcing it to compete with the enslaved millions of Europe.

Eleventh—We demand the abolition of all superfluous public offices created for the favorites of political partisanship, with enormous salaries, for party purposes, used in capturing public sentiment and perveting the will of the people for the benefit of politicians. No infringments of the legal constitutional rights of the citizen on the part of public officers, without just punishment.

Twelfth—We advocate such modification of the laws of this State, that power will no longer be given to unfeeling men to step in and strip an unfortunate debtor of every means of self-support, leaving his family destitute and unprotected.

Thirteenth—A true republic can only be realized and maintained through the education and thorough enlightenment of the people. Education should be free and industrial. The public cannot afford to have any child grow up in ignorance, or taught through the false conceptions of society to despise any useful, needed manual labor, thus preparing to live dishonestly upon the earnings of others, rather than by honest personal effort, which develop strength of character and true self-reliance.

Fourteenth—The N. G. L. Party proposes to rescue the government from the grasp of selfish greed to reinstate it upon the solid foundations of justice, to make it express in its administration of law the best and truest conceptions of which humanity is capable. Its mission is one of good will to all. Its watchwords, "Progress and Improvement."